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Quan Vu et al. )  
Serial No. 09/249,642 )  
Filed: February 12, 1999 )  
For: **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS )  
FOR GENERATING A PRECISE )  
FRAME RATE IN DIGITAL )  
VIDEO TRANSMISSION FROM )  
A COMPUTER SYSTEM TO A )  
DIGITAL VIDEO DEVICE )**

Group Art Unit: 2612  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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**AMENDMENTS**

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (clean version of amended claims):

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1. (Three Times Amended) A method of transmitting information from a source device at a predetermined rate, the method comprising:
- a. forming x number of first data blocks wherein each of the first data blocks contains n units of data;
  - b. forming y number of second data blocks wherein each of the second data blocks contains m units of data, and further wherein m is not equal to n; and
  - c. combining x number of first data blocks and y number of second data blocks into a data stream to achieve the predetermined rate, wherein the first data blocks and the second data blocks are of a same type and have same characteristics.



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Respectfully submitted,  
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